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1. CAMBODIAN AMB. CHHUT CHHOEUR SPOKE TO MISOFF EVENING MARCH 6, EXPANDING ON HIS CONCERN ABOUT FUTURE HIS MISSION AND MISSION PERSONNEL. CHHUT DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH USUN AMB. BENNETT MARCH 5(REFTEL).

2. CHHUT SAID HIS MONTHLY EXPENSES TO RUN MISSION ARE APPROXIMATELY US DOLLARS 20,000. ALTHOUGH HE TAKING STEPS TO ECONOMIZE HE ESTIMATES MISSION WILL BE OUT OF FUNDS BY MARCH 31, AND BE FORCED TO DISCHARGE TWO LOCAL HIRE SECRETARIES, THE LOCAL HIRE DRIVER, AND MOVE THE MISSION FROM ITS PRESENT QUARTERS. CHHUT HIMSELF MOVING TO LESS EXPENSIVE APARTMENT MARCH 21, AND THINKING OF ESTABLISHING MISSION AT THIS APARTMENT.

3. CHHUT ASKED MISOFF FOR INFORMATION ON PROCEDURES USED TO REQUEST POLITICAL ASYLUM, AND IF, IN SUCH CASES, THE USG PROVIDED TEMPORARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. MISOFF EXPLAINED HE UNFAMILIAR WITH SUCH PROCEDURES AND ASKED IF CHHUT WISHED HIM REQUEST DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE. CHHUT SAIE HE CONCERNED DEPARTMENT COULD MISUNDERSTAND HIS MOTIVES IN REQUESTING SUCH INFORMATION, BUT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES HE COMPELLED BEGIN CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

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